



Minutes
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL
Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Committee Members Present

Dan Vrakas	Antwayne Robertson	Shawn Reilly
Brad Schimel	Amy Rodriguez	Paul Decker
Sam Benedict	Joanne Huelsman	Dan Trawicki
Russ Jack	Kathy Madden	

Committee Members Absent

Jerry Braatz	Judge Lloyd Carter
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Others Present

Judge Jennifer Dorow	Steve Chmielewski	Mike Giese
Bethany Leonard	Sarah Spaeth	Karen Phillips
Ralph Schultz	Luann Anderson	Joan Sternweis
Martha Rodriguez-Hubert		

Decker called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Luczaj introduced Judge Jennifer Dorow, who will take over as deputy chief/presiding judge and CJCC chairperson as of August 1, 2014.

Approve Minutes from May 28, 2014 Meeting

Vrakas moved, second by Reilly to approve the minutes of May 28, 2014. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

2015 CJCC Budget Update

Luczaj provided a brief summary of the proposed 2015 CJCC budget including the following highlights:

- 2% cost to continue increase for most programs
- AODA Services Program and Discharge Planner position – 3% increase per the Sheriff's Department medical services contract
- 3% requested increase from DOC for the Community Service Options Program
- Assumptions: Will submit a request for a no-cost extension for the federal drug court grant (approximately \$86,000 underspent). The end of the federal ATC grant is 9/30/14; the expanded ATC program will end on 12/31/14. Beginning January 2015, ATC will have a capacity of 40-45 and will likely have a wait list again.

Luczaj presented the budget to the Health and Human Services Board on July 17 and is scheduled to present it to the County Executive on August 12.

Benedict raised concerns with future funding allocations and suggested implementing a screening process to identify risk and need levels of ATC participants. Luczaj advised that the Treatment Courts Subcommittee

would discuss this issue and present their recommendations to the CJCC Executive Committee for consideration at their August 11th meeting.

Presentation: 2013 – 2014 Jail ABE/GED Program Outcomes

Leonard distributed and reviewed a handout titled “Basic Education Program – Waukesha County Jail, 2013-2014 Outcomes”. The program has served 239 participants in the 2013-2014 school year, down from 278 participants in 2012-2013. A total of 8 students completed partial GEDs and 16 obtained a high school credential this term. In comparison, a total of 26 students completed partial GEDs and 19 obtained a high school credential in the 2012-2013 term. Leonard attributed the drop in numbers to the shift in 2014 to more rigorous GED tests which are now administered on computers. A handout illustrating sample test questions was distributed for review.

Leonard noted that the annual recognition/graduation ceremony held each spring is the highlight of the academic year and is very well-received and always well attended.

Leonard asked for the support of the CJCC, in the role of an advisory committee, in applying for the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act grant for the 2014-2015 academic year. The grant allows a \$20,000 reduction in the cost of the Jail ABE/GED program to the CJCC. It was the consensus of the CJCC to support the future grant application.

MOTION: Huelsman moved, second by Madden, to approve the application for the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act grant. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Discuss & Complete State Requested Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Local Readiness Survey

Luczaj distributed a copy of the EBDM Local Readiness Survey. The Director of State Courts Office and DOJ have asked all counties to complete this survey by August 1. For those counties that have a CJCC, it is the CJCC’s responsibility to complete the 35-question survey as a group. Luczaj will be responsible for uploading the concurred upon survey answers. The completed survey answers will determine which five counties will be selected to partner with the state in their competitive application to the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) in order to implement EBDM statewide.

Luczaj introduced Chmielewski and Rodriguez-Hubert of the UW-Extension Office, who served as facilitators for the discussion of the 35 survey questions.

MOTION: Reilly moved, second by Trawicki, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried by unanimous consent.